



### Fun at the fair...

(Left) Amber Casner, a Bear River Renaissance member, prepares to get dunked at the Wheatland-Beale community fair Saturday at Bear River Middle School in Wheatland. (Above) Staff Sgt. Tyler Kelch, Explosive Ordnance Disposal journeyman, attempts to show Emily Loutzenniser his bomb suit and Segway. (Photos by Airman Robert Biermann) For more photos, see page 13.

## Beale welcomes UCI team

By Brig. Gen. Lawrence Wells 9th Reconnaissance Wing Commander

On behalf of the men and women of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, I'd like to welcome the Air Combat Command Inspector General team to Beale for the Unit Compliance Inspection.

Over the next few days you'll get to see what I see every day -- hard-working Beale professionals with a stringent work ethic. I am proud of these troops and am excited that they will get to show you how good they really are.

As you travel around the base you will see and hear our wing mantra -- One Team-One Fight -- and it's how we conduct our daily operations. Team Beale has transformed the mission of High Altitude ISR and we are saving lives every day. Our mission is unique and critical, and Team Beale is justifiably proud of all they accomplish. The members of Team Beale have boundless enthusiasm and excel in day-to-day operations that are critical to our combatant commanders and national command authorities.

If at any time you need anything, please ask me or any of the Team Beale members -- we want to make your time here as effective and comfortable as possible.

Once again, welcome to Beale -- The Premier High Altitude ISR Wing in our Air Force.

## Chief McKinley selected to become 15th CMSAF

By Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Moseley has named Chief Master Sgt. Rodney McKinley to serve as the 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force. Chief McKinley will assume his new position July 1, following the June 30 retirement of Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray. Chief Murray's retirement culmi-

nates 29 years of service to the Air Force.

"I'm excited to have Chief McKinley take the helm of our enlisted force," General Moseley said. "Chief McKinley is a tremendous leader with an impressive array of expeditionary and combat experiences to help him steer our Airmen and serve as my partner. We were blessed to have a number of exceptionally well-qualified

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#### OPEN LINE



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Brig. Gen. Lawrence Wells, 9th RW commander, receives a check from Nancy Roberts, Family Support Center director, representing money the base and the community has saved by utilizing volunteers . (Photo by Air man Robert Biermann)

## Drunk driving affects everyone

Senior Airman Amber Gilbert 13th Intelligence Squadron

As I waited for my mom and aunt to get home, I felt a cold dark fear that something wasn't right. Pacing soon became the outlet for my fears, as I continued to look out the window for their car to appear. This had become a ritual with me, as my mom and aunts loved to party on the weekends, but never had I had a fear like the one I was feeling that night. When I could to see the headlights coming up the drive, I knew that my fear should ease, but it never did.

That night seems like it happened yesterday, but in fact it happened 10 years ago, on April 26, 1996. That day will remain a moment of change for my family and me, but mostly for my aunts and mother. My mom and aunts made it home safe that night, but that would be the last night they ever thought about drinking and driving. It's ironic how the one thing that you don't think will hurt anyone else but you, can change the lives of so many people.

That night my family had three lives that would be taken from us in an instant and two lives that would forever be

changed with a physical disability all because some woman decided that it was OK to drink and drive. On that night I lost my two infant cousins, both unable to see that wonderful age of two, and the most caring and loving woman I will ever know, my aunt Joanne. My five-yearold cousin, Christian, would have to have 26 pins and needles installed in her little legs, so she may be given the chance to live a normal childhood, and my cousin, Tory would never get to finish our childhood as a normal kid, because he would be paralyzed from the waist down.

All this took place because one woman decided that she needed to get more alcohol for a party because it was dying down and the night was still young. That woman would change the life of so many people on that night, and she later wouldn't be prosecuted because the judge felt she had gone through enough. My family is still pursuing charges against the woman, so that the deaths of our own don't go unaccounted for.

The woman, way too drunk to be driving, approached the snake curve road just as my aunt was approaching the other side. The woman's car went over the

vellow line and into the lane of my aunt's vehicle. She was going 75 mph on a 35 mph road and a 15mph curve. She hit my aunt's vehicle head on, instantly killing my aunt. Both babies were found 50 feet away from the vehicle and their bodies were unidentifiable.

My cousins, Tory and Christian, had to be cut out of the vehicle and medically evacuated to a hospital one hour away just to survive the crash. The lady of the other vehicle was rushed to the local hospital, where weeks later she was told she wouldn't walk again. My aunt's vehicle was unrecognizable. The front end was now the back end and the back seat of the vehicle was found inside the trunk, the front seat now sat where the back seat was supposed to go and the car seats that the babies were in were cut in half. Later, the woman regained the ability to walk and later caused another fatal accident; this time she was sent to prison for vehicular manslaughter.

I lost the one person I truly looked up to in my life that fatal evening, and two wonderful infant cousins who were so full of life; that they didn't deserve to be taken on someone else's mistake. My family soon fell apart; all the family gatherings subsided, and those names wouldn't be mentioned for several years. The accident was an eye opener for my family; most never drank again and no one drinks and drives in my family now.

It seems a shame that it took three lives to be taken from my family to make them see that drinking and driving isn't all it is cracked up to be. In fact, it took losing my aunt Joanne for my family to realize that what she said about drinking and driving was the truth. I will leave you with her words to ponder for she was the true advocate against drinking and driving.

"You might think that drinking is a great way to have fun and carry on, but one day you will see the true light. The day will come when you take a life of someone else, because you couldn't be a responsible adult. That life may be one of your own, for the road you travel down to get home is the same road your family travels down to go to town. If you can't live with the guilt of taking your family's life, then what makes you think you can live with the guilt of taking the life of someone else's family?"

#### Sortie Update as of May 1 99th RS 1st RS Aircraft U-2 T-38 U-2 73 270 131 Goal 4 10 7 Flown head/Behind 0 -3 0





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## CMSAF to Airmen: Are you ready?

By Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray Chief master sergeant of the Air Force

As Airmen, we raised our right hand and solemnly swore to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Our enemies emerged from the shadows on 9-11 and today, in the Global War on Terror, we are taking the fight directly to them. Our mission is clear -- win this war.

We all have a role to play and we must continually evaluate whether we are doing everything we can to support the war and combat operations. If the call comes tomorrow for you to deploy to Baghdad, Kandahar, or wherever our Air Force needs you, are you ready to go? You must be. We are the nation's warriors!

By now, many of you are familiar with frequent or extended deployments. Thank you for your continued dedication and personal sacrifice. Many thanks to your family as well, for enduring many sacrifices as they await your return. You are the Airmen this nation called for and depends on. For those not ready to de-

ploy at this moment, what deliberate action are you taking to be ready? For some, it may be time to reevaluate why you are serving in our Air Force. You volunteered and swore an oath; our nation relies on your readiness and commitment.

Combat operations call for a force with ingenuity and courage ... a force that is trained, equipped and ready to deploy at a moments notice. To achieve this you must maintain your duty and combat skills, health and fitness levels, and take the necessary steps to prepare yourself and loved ones for the road ahead. Your family counts on your plans and preparation for deployments and separation. Finances, housing, legal matters, child-care arrangements, and extended family support needs must all be settled before the deployments orders come down. These are basic responsibilities of being expeditionary Airmen.

Thousands upon thousands of Airmen have served, fought and sacrificed before us. We owe it to our forefathers who shed their blood so we can enjoy the freedoms we cherish today. More than 2,400 of our comrades have given their lives in

this fight against terrorism. We owe it to them to be ready to continue their legacy.

Our first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Paul Airey, joined the Army Air Corps at the age of 17 to serve our nation during a hellacious time of war, WWII. He left U.S. soil in March, 1944. Soon afterwards, on his 28th combat bombing mission over Germany, his aircraft was shot down; he was captured, and held as a prisoner of war until May, 1945. We owe it to Chief Airey and so many others who endured years of separation and hardships to be ready.

Senior Airmen Jason Cunningham, a pararescueman, answered the call to deploy to Afghanistan in 2003. He continued answering that call even after being mortally wounded while on a rescue mission in support of Operation Anaconda. Jason was credited with saving 10 fellow comrades before he ultimately lost his life. We owe it to Airman Cunningham and his family, who gave the ultimate sacrifice, to be ready.

As the requirements for more sixmonth and one-year taskings and deployments continue to rise, more Airmen will be called upon to deploy, and, in many cases, perform duties in different organizations and environments than they've known before. These are different times; the War on Terror is a different kind of war; and, it requires Airmen to be adaptive, courageous, and ready to fight. What has not changed is the fact that we are fighting for fundamental freedoms.

The American public; mothers, fathers, husbands, wives and most importantly, our children, are the beneficiaries of our efforts. I ask you to never forget the people who are counting on us-here at home and in the fledgling democracies abroad.

Also never forget those who came before us. They answered our nation's call to fight for freedom. Now we must carry that torch. We inherited an arduous responsibility, but one we must shoulder with courage and honor. In time to come, others will reflect on our service. How will they judge our courage., our commitment, and our readiness?

You have to be ready to fight today and tomorrow. Keep your focus on the mission, live by our Core Values, and remember how blessed we are to live in and serve our great nation.

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candidates for the position. While the decision was not an easy one, I feel we have the right person to lead our enlisted force during this time of a long war on terrorism, recapitalization and transformation. I look forward to working with him."

Chief McKinley is currently the command chief master sergeant for Pacific Air Forces. He originally joined the Air Force in 1974, took a break in service in 1977, attended college and re-entered the Air Force in 1982.

Chief McKinley's career includes assignments in the medical, aircraft maintenance and first sergeant fields. He has also served as the command chief master sergeant of the 86th Airlift Wing at Ram-

stein Air Base, Germany; 1st Fighter Wing at Langley Air Force Base, Va.; 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia; and 11th Air Force at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

The office of the chief master sergeant of the Air Force represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, provides direction for the enlisted corps and represents their interests to the American public and all levels of government.

The chief master sergeant of the Air Force serves as a personal adviser to the Air Force chief of staff and secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, proper utilization and progress of the enlisted force and their families.

# UHRRIOR SPOTIIGHT Staff Sgt. Tanya Cortes

<u>Unit:</u> 9th RW Legal Office <u>Job:</u> Military justice paralegal <u>Hometown:</u> Paramount, Calif. <u>Air Force goals:</u> To retire at 20 vears

<u>Time in the Air Force:</u> Six years <u>Hobbies:</u> Ironing my uniform, and if I have money left over after bills, I

love shopping for things I don't need.

The thing I like best about Beale AFB: Being in the same state as my family, yet far enough away so that they don't come visit me too often.



Staff Sgt. Tanya Cortes, 9th RW military justice paralegal, works in her office at the Beale Legal Office. (Photo by Airman 1st Class George Cloutier)



### Professional, personal education key to Air Force future

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle Air Force Print News

Washington D.C. - The Air Force is the most technologically advanced and capable air force in the world, in part due to the professional and personal education Airmen obtain, the secretary of the Air Force said recently.

"We need our people to be highly qualified and we set that standard from the first line of accession, and we retain that standard throughout a person's career," said Michael Wynne. "We actively encourage this development and we want our Airmen to think of themselves on a quest for personal and professional development."

The Air Force relies on many internal professional development courses for enlisted and officer education and training, but also seeks interaction and support from educational institutions in the United States.

"We sit in the cradle of education throughout America; we revel in the fact that our educational opportunities are the best in the world," he said.

"We need to take advantage of that and leverage the investment made by our senior educators across America.

"We can do this by making sure our personal and professional education dovetail into accessible degrees," he said.

The secretary said he has asked Air University leaders at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., to come up with partnerships to ensure Airmen can receive transferable credit to civilian institutions for all courses offered by AU.

The pursuit of or earning a degree is a very personal decision, the secretary said.

"I don't want to stretch our personnel to exhaustion, but we want to foster our Airmen to quest after personal and professional education in any ways or means they can," Secretary Wynne said.

In a joint letter released from Secretary Wynne and Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force chief of staff, they stated that promotion boards will once again consider officers' educational progress as they advance in rank.

"Once a degree is achieved, you can (do an Internet search on) almost anyone's background to see (he or she) earned a degree, and we find that we are trying to withhold information from that most vital element — the promotion board," Secretary Wynne said.

The change in policy will not take effect until fiscal 2008.

"I did not want to dispose of the policy of masking degrees right away," he said.

"Because we have some people who felt they may have been disadvantaged because they didn't get the opportunity to show they had a degree, we are giving this time to all individuals who may not have had the opportunity to get a degree," he said. "Interestingly enough, for (our enlisted, masking degrees) has never been the case. All enlisted promotion selection boards have seen, in succession, the educational success of those individuals up for

"Our future relies on educated Airmen, whether they are active duty, Reserve or Guard," Secretary

### Chief's Pick

Master Sgt. Paula Haynesworth, 9th Mission Support Squadron military personnel flight superintendent, receives the Chief's Pick award from Chief Master Sgt. Tony Demarini, 9th Maintenance Group maintenance superintendent. The Chief's Pick is given in recognition for outstanding dedication, service before self and overall positive impact made on the enlisted corps. (Courtesy photo)

### Historian receives ACC award

By Airman Robert Biermann 9th RW Public Affairs

One of Beale's own was named the recipient of the Air Combat Command History Program Award after Air Force officials announced the winners last week.

Dr. Coy Cross, 9th Reconnaissance Wing historian, received the award for having produced an outstanding study entitled "The Dragonlady and Global Hawk in Operation Iraqi Freedom," during the past year.

"The study took me about two years, working part time, to complete but I enjoyed creating it," Dr. Cross said. "We have such a unique and special mission here at Beale and I feel a responsibility to help people understand and appreciate it."

Dr. Cross' study spotlighted the U-2 and Global Hawk in the Global War on Terror.

"This is the most complex operation the U-2 has ever been involved in," Dr. Cross said." Despite all this, the 9th Reconnaissance Wing personnel and their two aircraft (U-2, Global Hawk) performed near perfect and provided unprecedented Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance coverage to the combatant commanders."



Dr. Coy Cross, 9th RW historian, records wing events **throughout the years.** (Photo by Airman Robert Biermann)

Dr. Cross reviewed hundreds of documents and interviewed numerous people including group and squadron commanders, maintenance members, U-2 pilots and others involved in the U-2 and Global Hawk program in order to gain knowledge for the study.

As a wing historian, Dr. Cross records wing events throughout the year and produces an annual history report.

"There are only two historians in our office, but we provide an invaluable service," Dr. Cross said. "We are the corpory is a resource where present and future wing leaders can learn why and how we did things in the past. We spend a lot of our time answering questions and giving background information based on past wing histories."

Dr. Cross has also been the recipient of several major command and Air Force level historian awards throughout his 18 years as a historian.

Dr. Cross will go on to compete at the Air Force level. The Air Force award will be announced at the worldwide hisrate memory. The wing's histo-torian conference in the fall.

## Community Briefs

#### **Deadline for High Flyer** submissions

The deadline for submissions to the High Flyer is Friday the week prior to the desired publication date. Submissions are printed on a space available basis. Any submissions submitted after the deadline will not be published until the next week. News briefs will run for no more than three consecutive weeks. For questions or more information, call 634-8887.

#### Saturday nights at the Gold Sox

All Beale personnel and their families are invited to attend every Gold Sox Saturday night home baseball game in 2006 for free. Individuals must show their identification at the stadium gate. Minor children of Beale personnel without ID will also be admitted free. There are 11 consecutive Saturday night home games, from May 27 through August 5. Game time is 7 p.m. and gates open at 6:30 p.m. Gold Sox home games are played at All Seasons RV Stadium, at 14th and B Streets on Ellis Lake in Marysville. For more information, call 741-3600 or e-mail office@goldsox.com.

#### **Expanded Saturday hours** issuing ID cards

The 9th Support Division's customer service office will be open on

the following Saturdays to provide investments. For more information ID card and DEERS update services; May 6, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 5. Hours of operation will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., no appointment is necessary. The Admin Support Flight's customer service counter is located in the Consolidated Support Center, Building 25216, Room 110.

Normal business hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays, except for holidays. For more information, call customer service at 634-3187.

#### Home selling seminar

The FSC has scheduled a home buying seminar for May 24 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Learn how to make a home sell in a buyer or sellers market while getting the most out of the investment. For more information or to register, call the FSC at 634-2863.

#### **Basic investment and mutual** funds

The FSC has scheduled a basic investment and mutual funds class for May 18 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Attendees will learn about the various investment vehicles, risk assessment and evaluation and basic investment strategies. Learn about pros vs. cons of various types of mutual funds, how to evaluate funds and how to compare and select your

or to sign up, call the FSC at 634-2863.

#### Be your own boss

The FSC has scheduled a "Be your own boss" class for May 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. This class prepares people with knowledge and tools to run a small business. For more information, call the FSC at 634-2863.

#### **Bundles for Babies**

Bundles for Babies is scheduled for May 31 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Open to all ranks, Bundles for Babies provides tips on prenatal care, financial expectations and avoiding frauds targeting new parents. Attendees must arrange their own childcare for all their other children. For more information, call the FSC at 634-2863.

#### TAP workshop

The next TAP workshop is scheduled for Monday to May 12, Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendees must have completed the ACC Family Day office mandatory preseparation briefing.

People who attend this should bring a draft resume. Transition into the civilian community smoother and find employment faster. Learn about VA benefits and have medical record reviewed. For more information, call the FSC at 634-2863.

#### **In-service recruiter**

For information about force shaping, palace chase, the Air Force Reserve or for an out-processing appointment, call or e-mail the in-service recruiter, Tech. Sgt. Adrian Williams, located at the Military Personnel Flight next to Pass and Registration at 634-3120 or adrian.williams@beale.af.mil.

#### Air Force Association

Air Force Association Chapters 116 and 333 invite anyone interested to attend a Beale tour scheduled for May 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants will receive an AF-COMAC, PAVE PAWS, U-2, Global Hawk and 548th Intelligence Group

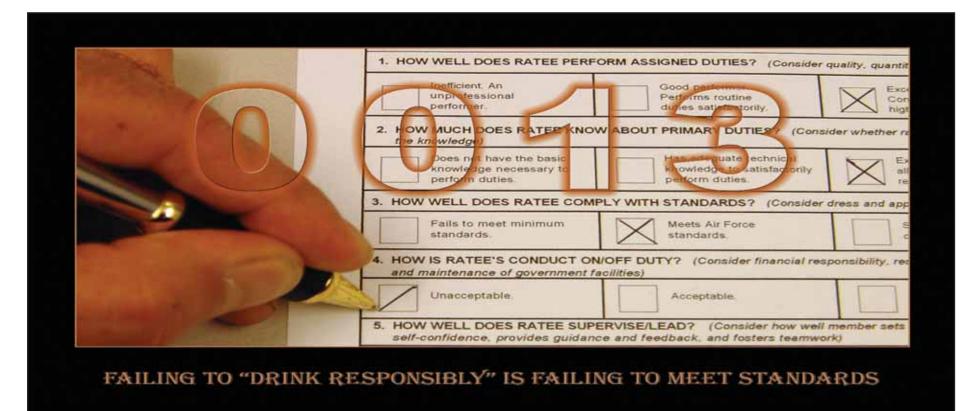
The sandwich buffet lunch and dessert at Recce Point cost is \$13. Tour limit is 100 people.

For more information or to reserve a spot, call or e-mail Jeff Decker at 634-2400, 788-2030 or jeffrey.decker@beale.af.mil.

### closure

The 9th Support Division's Administrative Support Flight will be closed May 26 to observe the ACC Family Day in conjunction with Memorial Day.

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available: ID Cards and DEERS, Military Personnel Records, Base Records Management, Inbound and Outbound Property, Passenger Travel, Omega Travel, and Awards and Decorations. Normal service will resume May 30.

All travelers who will need to pick up tickets or conduct any last minute business with Passenger Travel or Omega must complete it on Thursday or contact the Omega Travel 24-hour desk at 800-707-2795. For more information, call 634-5134.

#### 9th Reconnaissance Wing UCI picnic

The 9th Reconnaissance Wing Unit Compliance Inspection picnic is scheduled for May 12 from noon to 4 p.m. behind the Recce Point Club. The event is open to everyone and will offer everyone an opportunity to unwind and relax from all the hard work done in preparation for the UCI. Free hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be available. Many activities have been planned for the day including volleyball, a bouncy castle, discounted golfing and music. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Gina Ishida at 634-9081 or Master Sgt. Tim Hampton at 634-5835.

#### **Breastfeeding Support Group**

Breastfeeding moms past, present and future can join the breastfeeding support group for an informal setting

The following services will not be to discuss joys and challenges of breastfeeding. Children are welcome. The group meets Mondays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Foothills Chapel downstairs in the children's area. For more information, call Maria at 788-9380.

#### **Attention deer hunters**

The Beale annual deer hunt is scheduled for Aug. 18 to Nov. 5. The lottery to select the hunters for this year will be held May 18 at 10 a.m. at the Environmental Conference Room, Building 2561. Prospective deer hunters must have a California Hunting License and a California Department of Fish and Game deer tag application with G7 filled in as their first choice.

All of these items can be purchased at the Outdoor Adventure Center. The deer tag application must be submitted to the 9th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight Office at 6601 B Street no later than one hour before the above drawing. For more information, call 634-4398 or 634-2738.

#### Rvden Park

Ryden Park will be closed until further notice due to safety hazards and damage from the recent rains. For more information, call Wing Safety at 634-4026.

#### **UCI** results

General Wells will provide the UCI results to Team Beale on May

12 at 9 a.m. at the base theater. All are invited. The briefing will also be video streamed to the following locations: AFCOMAC Theater, 9th Medical Group Clinic Conference Room, 9th Maintenance Group Conference Center and 9th Communications Squadron conference room.

#### Base legal office closure

The base legal office will be closing at noon on May 12 due to the base picnic, in case of emergency, call the command post at 634-5700. For more information, call the legal office at 634-2928.

#### 2006 Beale men's softball team

For those interested in playing for the 2006 Beale Men's Softball Team, upcoming tryout dates are May 15th at 5:30 p.m. and May 17th at 5:30 p.m. at the base softball fields. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. James Kasch at 634-5499.

#### **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**

The month of May has been declared by the United States Congress as "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month" to commemorate the contributions that Asian Pacific Americans have contributed to American achievements and dedicated service to their country.

The theme for 2006 is "Dreams and challenges for Asian Pacific Americans." For anyone interested there is an APAH cultural event May 20 at noon at the Community Center where there will be food sampling, Asian cultural entertainment, martial arts, hula dancing and more. For more information, email Olivia Aiono at maoriquenn@msn.com or 2nd Lt. Gina Ishida at gina.ishida@beale.af.mil.

#### Four-way stop at crosswalk

In approximately one week, West and East Garryanna Drive and Camp Beale Highway will transition from being a two-way stop to a four-way

The following changes are planned to occur; two stop signs will be installed on Camp Beale Highway at West and East Garryanna Drive making it a four-way stop, a "4-WAY" sign will be placed on all four stop sign posts, stop lines will be added, double vellow lines will be extended and a new pedestrian warning sign (bright green) will be placed approximately 150 to 200 feet in advance of the new stop sign for northbound traffic.

Work is expected to begin by Monday. For more information, call Wing Safety at 634-4026.

#### Memorial Day volunteer event

Sutter Memorial Cemetery would like Beale Airmen to assist them in placing and retrieving about 3,000 flags on May 25 and May 30 on veterans' gravesites for Memorial Day.

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About 100 volunteers are needed. For more information, e-mail Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Lucero at jennifer.lucero@beale.af.mil.

#### 9th Medical Group at the UCI picnic

During the 9th Reconnaissance Wing picnic on May 12, the 9th Medical Group will be providing a fun and convenient environment to showcase their vast array of medical services. Visitors can find staff members on hand ready to answer questions regarding their world-class health benefits. New products such as TRICARE online and the remote pharmacy dispensing unit will be demonstrated.

The pediatric staff will also be present. Face painting will be provided by their booster club. In addition, a TriWest representative will be available to educate and answer TRICARE-related questions. As an added convenience, TRICARE Prime enrollment will be available on site as well. A TRICARE Dental Program representative will also be present to answer questions. Public Health will provide education on West Nile Virus,

snakebites, food safety and a variety of other prevention topics.

The Health and Wellness Center will provide information on their tobacco cessation, fitness and nutrition programs along with comprehensive health education materials.

#### 90s Club for April

The following Airmen scored a 90 percent or higher on their end of course exams:

Airman 1st Class Juliana McMillan	95
Staff Sgt. Rovert Gambino	94
Staff Sg. Joshua Erickson	92
Senior Airman Andrew Dibetta	92
Staff Sgt. Richard Carlton	91
Staff Sgt. Christopher Dalbec	91
Staff Sgt. Derrell Speights	91
Airman 1st Class Adam Gossner	90

#### **USDA** food pickup

The USDA Food Pickup is held the last Friday of every month for Beale housing residents. All pickups are at the Foothills Chapel in base hous-

ing. Pickup times are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 634-5938.

#### **Education Center**

The Beale Training and Education Center offers an extensive array of on-base programs. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Call 634-2525 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

#### Airman's Attic

The Airman's Attic is open to assist airmen basic to staff sergeants who are new to Team Beale or have unexpected family situations that arise, free of charge. Stop by 5114-A Tern Court (near the housing fire station) and see what they have to offer.

The Attic is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For emergencies, the Attic is available after hours through the unit first sergeants. Military ID cards are required at check in. For more information, call 788-2993.

## "What does it mean to be a military spouse?"



**Kelly Vincent** 



**Amanda Jones** 



**Barbara Cotto** 



**Barry Howarth** 



JaNae' Black

"Being a military spouse gives me the chance to not only contribute to my family but to support other military families helping out the whole of the country"

"Being a military spouse is being a 'jack of all trades.' I have learned how to fix cars that break down two days after my husband leaves on a TDY, clean house, work, do errands, commissary shop, pay bills, buy new cars and take care of the pets all while staying semisane. I would never choose anything else. I love supporting my husband every chance I can get."

"It means to keep the home together while our spouse is away for long periods of time. We're not like most non-military wives whose husbands are often home; we have such a great duty."

"I am having the time of life. I am so proud to be a part of the Air Force family, but the most important aspect of this journey is the fact that my wife loves her job and the people she works with."

"Being a military spouse has been a great experience for me. I appreciate my husband and how hard he works; he always gives 100 percent! As a wife and mother, I have learned to be a little more flexible and self-reliant when my husband is TDY or working long hours. I have great respect for all of those who serve our country and give of their valuable time away from family to make our world a safer place."



## Remember 0-0-1-3

As part of the ongoing 0-0-1-3 wing campaign to promote a responsible drinking culture, squadrons with a drinking and driving or underage drinking charge will now have a photo with squadron leadership taken and placed in the High Flyer. 0-0-1-3 represents zero underage drinking, zero DUIs, one drink per hour, and a maximum of three drinks per night. Anyone driving is reminded not to consume any alcohol. (Courtesy photo)

## Beale Bijou

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## Friday evening Inside Man (R)

Denzel Washington, Jodie Foster
Tough cop, Detective Frazier,

matches wits with clever bank robber, Dalton, as a dangerous cat-and-mouse game unfolds. Unexpectedly, Madaline, a power broker with a hidden agenda, emerges to inject even more instability into an already volatile situation.



## Saturday matinee Pokemon Heroes (PG)

Animated

The story takes place in a mysterious city on water. Set against a baffling maze of canals and alleyways, Ash, Pikachu and the rest of the gang take on a slick new pair of theives in this glamorous, high-stakes adventure story. The film introduces two new Pokemon characters, the courageous Latias and Latios, who possess strong psychic abilities and the power to disguise themselves as humans.



#### Saturday evening Stay Alive (PG-13)

Jon Foster, Samaire Armstrong
After the mysterious brutal

death of an old friend, a group of teenagers find themselves in possession of "Stay Alive," a next generation horror survival videogame based on the true story of a 17th-century noblewoman known as "The Blood Countess." The gamers don't know anything about the game other than the fact that they're not supposed to have it—and they're dying to play it.



## Wednesday 6 p.m. Larry the Cable Guy (PG-13)

Joe Pantoliano, Joanna Cassidy Larry is a big city health inspec-

tor who is happy with his usual beat of greasy spoon diners and low-rent ethnic restaurants. But his easygoing life is turned upside-down when he's saddled with a straight-arrow rookie partner and assigned the biggest case of his career: investigating an outbreak of mysterious food poisonings at the city's swankiest restaurants.

Matinees play at 1 p.m.
Evening movies play at 7:30 p.m.
unless otherwise specified.
The cost is \$3.50 for adults & \$1.75 for children.



## APAH cake cutting

Col. Domenick Eanniello (center), 9th Reconnaissance Wing vice commander, cuts the cake celebrating the beginning of Asian Pacific American Heritage month at the Base Exchange on Monday with the assistance of 2nd Lt. Gina Ishida (left), 9th Munitions Squadron, and Olivia Aiono (right), APAH club president. Several APAH events are scheduled throughout the month of May. For more information, contact Lieutenant Ishida at gina.ishida@beale.af.mil. (Photo by Airman Robert Biermann)

## Beale honors military spouses with appreciation event

By Airman Robert Biermann 9th RW Public Affairs

Many couples celebrate their togetherness and thankfulness for having one another on Valentine's Day or their anniversary, but since 1984 military members have had the opportunity to say "thanks" on another special occa-

"A servicemember's mission and lifestyle are unique; even in light of the experiences shared and the commitment the military spouses make," said Greg Simon, Family Support Center consultant.

The Military Spouse Appreciation Day event is scheduled for May 19 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Community Center ballroom. Those interested are asked to register before May 16 by calling 634-2863. Child care is free, and registration is also needed.

"Military Spouse Appreciation Day is such a unique day for a unique community," Mr. Simon said. "As a former military member, I know first hand the sacrifices my spouse made such as putting her career on hold, having to take on my role and multitask while I was

TDY, and deal with the stress of moving 12 times.'

"A special presentation and event is scheduled for Military Spouse Appreciation Day," Mr. Simon said. "Dixie Schneider, a motivational speaker, radio host and military spouse will be speaking. She is very funny; however, her message will be to recognize the challenges faced by military spouses through humor and participation while sharing some techniques in dealing with the unique stresses that spouses have." Her presentation is called "Life is a Journey: Are you Enjoying the

The first 100 spouses to arrive will receive flowers. All who attend can enter drawings for an Army and Air Force Exchange Service \$100 gift certificate, commissary \$10 gift certificates, a free dinner at Recce Point, coupon books worth \$350 in discounts, 50 cent bowling games, a free tire rotation from the Auto Hobby Shop and a "Buy one pizza get the second for half price" at Recce Point. Sierra Central Credit Union will also have a drawing for a \$25 cash

spouse up to receive a free Air Force spouse pin and personalized letter from Air Force leadership for Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

"In addition to the community showing its support, we ask for the Air Force members or Air Force civilian employees to take a few minutes to order a free Air Force spouse pin," Mr. Simon said. "With the operations tempo ever increasing, the Air Force depends on families and their support as never before. It's only appropriate for military members to show their recognition."

The Air Force spouse pin includes a blue star cradled in the Air Force symbol. It is a contemporary adaptation of a wartime tradition.

"Beginning with World War I, families hung service flags in their windows to display a blue star for each family member serving in the Armed Forces," Mr. Simon said. "Today, the pin is given to the spouses of America's Airmen and civilians in appreciation of the sacrifices they make for their spouses' service."

Below are a few of the many rea-Military members can also sign their sons for all to thank their spouse, ac-

cording to Greg Simon.

For the times they've stood and watched the car leave home, the plane take off or the bus pull out of sight, not sure when they would return.

For the countless household moves from a known place to one that's strange and different, often by themselves.

For the families they've held together, and for the anniversaries, birthdays and holidays they've celebrated alone.

For the hand they've extended to another military spouse when the need was there, truly creating a military fam-

For the spirit and strength they've shown when their service member has gone into harm's way.

For the pride they've displayed while serving as an ambassador of the military spouse to the rest of the world.

In 1984, President Reagan proclaimed the Friday before Mother's Day of each year to be Military Spouse Appreciation Day. In light of the Unit Compliance Inspection, and UCI picnic, Beale is celebrating Military Spouse Appreciation Day one week

## World traveler left feeling 'flat,' sparks idea for toy drive

By Airman 1st Class George Cloutier 9th RW Public Affairs

What started as a fun project has turned into something much greater for three firstgrade classes at the Lone Tree Elementary School here at

After learning of the harsh conditions of Iraqi children, the kids decided to start a toy drive to benefit less fortunate children in Iraq.

The children got their idea from a Flat Stanley project, where they mail out their personal "Stanley" to a friend or relative. Flat Stanley is a series of educational books, house where a little girl based around the character Stanley, who is a young boy who gets flattened when a bulletin board falls on him. After getting flattened, Stanley goes on a series of adventures, discovering new places and people. The children then make their own Flat Stanley, and send him on an adventure of

friend or relative, who is supposed to take pictures and send them back to the chil-

"We got multiple e-mails every day from people all over the world about what their Stanleys were doing," said April Jones, first grade teacher at the Lone Tree Elementary

When Emily and Julia Glaccum got their Stanley's story back from their relative Lt. Col. Chris Wyman, an acting advisor for the Iraqi army from Langley Air Force Base, they got to see first hand the conditions of the Iraqi people.

"Stanley even saw a mud lived," said Emily Glaccum, first grade student at the Lone Tree Elementary School.

"When we got the e-mail the first day we thought the girl looked really sad," Ms. Jones said. "The kids thought we could collect toys to send

Since then the children their own by sending him to a have been collecting toys,

which they plan to send soon.

"Almost every morning we've had someone who has brought in toys for the toy drive," Ms. Jones said. "Some of the kids actually bought new toys to bring in."

Though it was Ms. Jones's class who originally started the project, the other first grade classes have since joined the drive as well.

"We invited the other two first grade classes, as well as children who used to be in the building, to help us with this project," Ms. Jones said.

While the Glaccum's project has gained a lot of attention, other children's Stanleys have also had some pretty amazing adventures.

"I sent my Stanley to Australia," said Jake Becker, first grade student at the Lone Tree Elementary School.

Jake also received a book of Australian wildlife, along with a picture of his Stanley alongside a baby Monitor lizard.

"One of my flat Stanleys



Kevin Acron, along with fellow triplets, Nicholas and Lauryn, show off their Stanleys alongside Jake Becker. The children have since started a toy drive for Iraqi children. (Photo by Airman 1st Class George Cloutier)

went to South Carolina, one went to Ohio and one went to Alaska," said Hannah Bishop, first grade student at the Lone Tree Elementary School. "The one that went to Alaska went to Santa's workshop."

Though they may just be

kids themselves, the first grade class at the Lone Tree Elementary School is doing great things to improve the quality of life for Iraqi children while their parents and relatives are doing their part in Operation Enduring Freedom.

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## Beale adds flair to Wheatland fair

(Right) Andrew Rawlins, a military dependant, takes aim with an M-107 50-caliber sniper rifle while sitting atop an armored Humvee at the Wheatland-Beale community fair, Saturday at Bear River middle school in Wheatland. (Below) Kelly Vincent, military spouse, attempts to walk a straight line while wearing beer goggles, which work to blur one's vision. (Photos by Airman Robert Biermann)









(Above) Pom Pom the clown creates a balloon hat for a child during the community fair.
(Left) Dan Surin, Ricky Phillips and Joe Surin Jr. catch

(Left) Dan Surin, Ricky Phillips and Joe Surin Jr. catch an inert grenade from the remote controlled FA6, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal robot that removes bombs.

## Enter Beale's funny photo caption contest!

Be a featured caption writer for this week's photo. The author whose caption receives the most laughs from the judges will have their caption published in next week's High Flyer. Here's how to enter:

Write an imaginative, hu-I morous, appropriate caption for the featured photo.

2E-mail entries to high.flyer@beale.af.mil or fax entries to 634-8895 by noon Tuesday.

3 To be eligible, you must include the photo number of the contest on your entry. Also, please include your name and commercial phone number.

Contest winners **4**announced weekly.

5 All entries become property of the High Flyer.

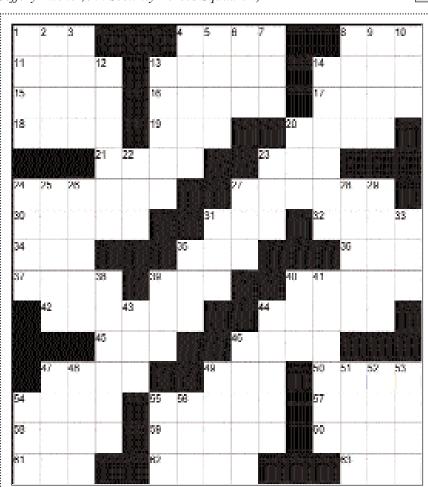


"Oops. That was the eject button. Sorry, sir!" (Airman 1st Class *Jeffery Pitcher*, 9th Security Forces Squadron)



#### E-mail submissions to

## high.flyer@beale.af.mil



#### **Celebrating API Month**

By Capt Tony Wickman

71 Flying Training Wing Public

#### ACROSS

1. Weep

4. Opera highlight

8. Boxing result

11. Korean MLB player Hee-Seop

13. First Asian-American ambassador Julia Chang

14. 2005 Theron movie

15. In a short time

16. Asian-American senator Daniel

17. Avenue

18. Dorothy's pet

19. Workout spot

20. Nevada town 21. Castoff

23. Rio de

24. Sock pattern

27. Indian-born astronaut Kalpana

30. Starchy obtained from dried orchid roots

31. River barrier

32. One's consciousness

34. Alias identifier 35. Colonel Young Oak \_\_\_; first

Korean-American to command combat unit

36. By way of 37. South American country

39. Taiwanese-American chemist Yuan T. \_\_\_\_; 1986 Nobel Prize

#### winner

40. Bidding 42. Calcareous tooth part

44. Concise

45. Actor Akroyd

46. Region

47. Before long

49. Japanese sash

50. Chinese-American fashion de-

signer Wang 54. Large

55. Caesar was one

57. Roberts movie Brockovich

58. Towel marker 59. Rudy's team; Fightin'

60. Fireplace residue

61. Wilbur Carl \_\_; first Chinese-American officer in USMC

62. Model Ostrosky 63. Sault Marie

**DOWN** 

1. Go away!

2. Japanese-American gold medal speed skater Apolo Anton \_

3. Italy shape

4. Synthetic resin

Drift

6. Yuck

7. Triumphant expression

8. Furniture wood

9. Gold medal weightlifter Tommy

10. Singular

12. Japanese-American Medal of Honor recipient/senator Daniel K.

13. Glazed, ring-shaped roll

14. Permits

20. Baseball stat

22. VCR setting

23. Resistance unit

24. Quickly

25. Searched thoroughly

26. Stare fixedly and angrily

27. Curved wheel mounted on a ro-

tating shaft 28. Jeans maker

29. Girl in Wonderland

31. Expire

33. Crouching Tiger, Hidden Drag-

on Chinese actor Chow Yun-

35. Japanese-American Emmywinning broadcast journalist Kashiwahara

38. Disconnects

39. Vietnam Memorial designer

Maya \_\_ 40. Shoe size

41. Gold medal Filipina-American diver Victoria Manalo

43. The Joy Luck Club Chinese-

American author Amy

44. Vietnamese-American astro-

naut Dr. Eugene

46. Humiliate

47. Middle East canal

48. Shrek is one

49. Forget

51. Love god

52. Turbulent disturbance

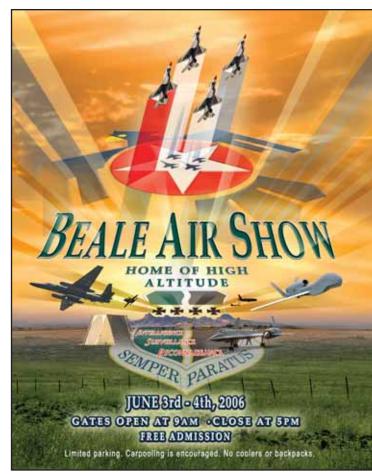
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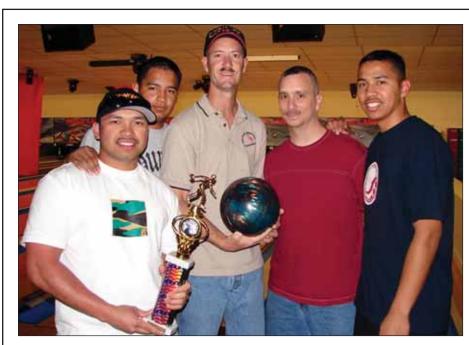
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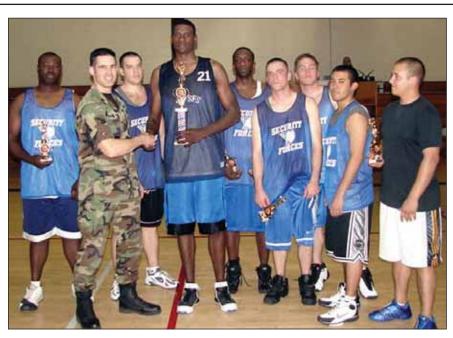




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### And the winners are...

(Left) The 9th Civil Engineer Squadron bowling team, Team 11, received a trophy for being the leader in wins during both halves of the intramural bowling season.

(Right) Major Patrick Whelan, 9th Services Squadron commander, awards the 9th Security Forces Squadron trophies for their 70-55 intramural basketball championship win over the 9th Civil Engineer Squadron on Thursday at the Harris Fitness Center. (Courtesy photos)



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## VIVA! Cinco De Mayo

Mexicans, Americans and Mexican Americans alike love to celebrate Cinco De Mayo! Many think Cinco De Mayo represents Mexican independence from Spain, but that happened on September 15th, 1810. We celebrate on May

5, 1862, because 4,000 Mexican soldiers defeated the French and the traitor Mexican army of 8,000 at Puebla, Mexico. At that time the United States was preoccupied with its own Civil War. After 50 years of being undefeated, the French army lost, miraculously to an army half their size. The Mexicans won, keeping Napoleon III from supplying the Confederate Rebels for another year, allowing the United States to build the greatest army the

world had ever seen. This awesome army defeated the Confederates at Gettysburg 14 months after the battle of Puebla, essentially ending the Civil War. Mexicans and Americans united, celebrating freedom and liberty.

> This Cinco De Mayo, the Coyote Pub and Grill will be putting on a big party to corroborate with an authentic Hispanic buffet, Latin music and a Salsa dance lesson. There will be a piñata stuffed with goodies for adults and prizes for various contests. If you live on

base and can't find a DD, not to worry, the Pub will make sure you get home safely. They will be offering a shuttle anywhere on base. For more information call the Club at 634-4948.



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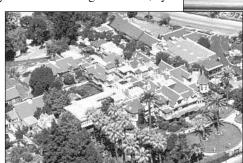


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## A Mystery in the Making

On May 20th from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, the **Outdoor** Adventure Center is going on an adventure to the Winchester Mystery House. Tickets and transportation is only \$25 for adults and \$20 for children 6-12. This San Jose guided trip of the famous Winchester Mystery House will be interesting and bizarre. The history of this out of the ordinary mansion was begun in 1884, by

a wealthy widow named Sarah L. Winchester. She began a construction project of such magnitude that it occupied the lives of carpenters and craftsmen until her death thirty-eight years later. The Victorian plained oddities.



mansion got its name With a total of 160 rooms on 4 acres, you'll because of its unex- be entertained and informed.

This home is like no other. It has 160 rooms Victorian mansion had modern heating and sewer systems, gas lights that operated by pressing a button, three working elevators, and 47 fireplaces. From rambling roofs and exquisite hand inlaid parquet floors to the gold and silver chandeliers and Tiffany art glass windows, you will be impressed by the staggering amount of creativity, energy, and expense poured into each and every detail. Tour 110 rooms of this incredible mansion and search

for answers as to why a window is build into the floor, staircases lead to no where, a chimney rise's four floors and why doors open onto blank walls. You can also take a selfguided garden tour that includes a guide map and narrative tapes at the 10 major points of interest. View beautiful Victorian gardens featuring 14,000 miniature boxwood hedges, year-round flowers and plants, European statues and elaborate fountains. Stop for lunch

which is the perfect place to relax and linger with your fantasies of living in this

unique Victorian mansion. Enjoy your favorite snack, dessert and beverage in a pleasant atmosphere or pack your own lunch and eat along the way.

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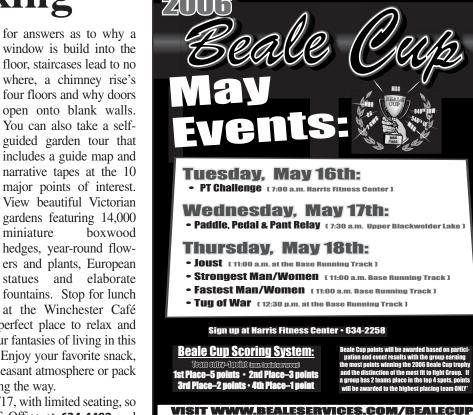
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The signup deadline is 5/17, with limited seating, so be sure to contact the ITT Office at 634-4482 and reserve your spot today.







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